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Amendments to the Claims

The following list of claims with replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A[n] composition for animal consumption [medicine in pellet or tablet form) comprising:

an animal feed substrate[, whereby said substrate consists of animal feed]; and one or more coated particles,

whereby said substrate and said coated particles are intimately mixed <u>and pressed</u>
<u>into tablets or pellets of suitable size for feed consumption</u>, and
whereby said coated particles comprise:

a carrier material having an average diameter of approximately <u>0.09 mm to</u>
0.8 mm [or less], whereby said carrier material is selected from the group
consisting of starch, saccharose, lactose, and sugar;

[an] a first coat comprising an active ingredient casing consisting essentially of benazepril [at least one veterinary active ingredient whereby said active ingredient casing coats said carrier material]; and

a <u>second coat comprising a physiologically compatible polymer matrix</u>
[masking protective layer whereby said masking protective layer coats said active ingredient casing].

Claim 22. (Cancelled) Claim 23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24. (Currently amended) The <u>composition</u> [animal medicine] of Claim 21 whereby said <u>physiologically compatible polymer matrix</u> [masking protective layer] is selected from the group consisting of shellac, a cellulose polymer, an acrylic acid polymer, a methacrylic acid polymer, a maleic acid anhydride polymer, a polyvinyl pyrrolidone polymer, a polyvinyl alcohol polymer, and a combination of said polymers.

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Claim 25. (Currently amended) The <u>composition</u> [animal medicine] of Claim 21 further comprising one or more additives whereby said additives are selected from the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatics, and natural aromatics.

Claim 26. (Currently amended) The <u>composition</u> [animal medicine] of Claim 21 whereby said substrate [consists of] is yeast.

Claim 27. (Cancelled) Claim 28. (Cancelled)

Claim 29. (Currently amended) A method of making an animal <u>medicament</u> [medicine] comprising

mixing <u>benazepril</u> [at least one veterinary active ingredient] with a solvent; coating a carrier material with <u>the benazepril</u> [at least one veterinary active ingredient] dissolved in a solvent, whereby sald carrier material has an average diameter of approximately <u>0.09 mm to</u> 0.8 mm [or less], and whereby said carrier material is selected from the group consisting of starch, saccharose, lactose and sugar:

coating said <u>benazepril-coated carrier material</u> [at least one veterinary active ingredient] with a<u>n additional</u> masking protective layer to form <u>multi-</u>coated particles; intimately mixing said <u>multi-</u>coated particles with a substrate whereby said substrate consists of animal feed; and

compressing said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate into tablets or pellets of appropriate size for feed consumption.

Claim 30. (Cancelled)

Claim 31. (Cancelled)

Claim 32. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 whereby said masking protective layer is selected from the group consisting of shellac, a cellulose polymer, an acrylic acid polymer, a methacrylic acid polymer, a maleic acid anhydride polymer, a polyvinyl pyrrolidone polymer, a polyvinyl alcohol polymer, and a combination of said polymers.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising adding one or more additive to said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate whereby said additive

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is selected from the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatic substances, and natural aromatic substances.

Claim 34. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 29 whereby said substrate is [consists of] yeast.

Claim 35. (Cancelled) Claim 36. (Cancelled)